

## Message Text

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TAGS: TSPA, TGEN, JA  
SUBJECT: JAPANESE LOWER HOUSE RESOLUTION CALLS FOR NUCLEAR  
SATELLITE CURBS

1. FRONT PAGE PRESS REPORTS HAVE HIGHLIGHTED THE UNANIMOUS  
ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION BY THE JAPANESE LOWER HOUSE DEMANDING  
RESTRICTIONS ON THE OPERATION OF NUCLEAR-POWERED ARTIFICIAL  
SATELLITES. A SIMILAR RESOLUTION IS EXPECTED TO PASS THE  
HOUSE OF COUNCILORS LATER THIS MONTH.

2. PROMPTED BY THE DISINTEGRATION OF THE SOVIET NUCLEAR-  
POWERED SATELLITE OVER CANADA IN JANUARY, AND EMPHASIZING  
THE RESULTANT SHOCK TO JAPAN, THE RESOLUTION CALLS FOR  
MEASURES LIMITING THE OPERATION OF NUCLEAR-POWERED SATELLITES,  
INCLUDING "STUDYING THE POSSIBILITY OF PROHIBITING THE  
ORBITING OF SUCH SATELLITES IN THE FUTURE," EXCEPTING  
THOSE ALREADY IN ORBIT.

3. THE WORDING OF THE RESOLUTION ALSO REQUIRED THAT THE  
GOJ APPEAL TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS TO MAKE PUBLIC ANY DATA OR  
MATERIALS CONCERNED WITH NUCLEAR-POWERED SATELLITEES  
ALREADY IN ORBIT, AND CALLED FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF  
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INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF SUCH  
VEHICLES.

4. THE LIBERAL DOMKRATIC PARTY RESISTED EFFORTS BY THE  
OPPOSITION PARTIES (SOCIALIST, KOMEITO, AND COMMUNIST)  
DURING THE DRAFT STAGE OF THE RESOLUTION'S PREPARATION  
TO HAVE IT PHRASED IN MUCH STRONGER LANGUAGE. THE

WORDS "WE DEMAND THE PROHIBITION OF THE ORBITING OF  
NUCLEAR-POWERED SATELLITES" WERE DELETED IN THE FINAL  
VERSION IN FAVOR OF THE VERSION QUOTED IN PARA 2 ABOVE.  
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